

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please AMEND claims 1 and 6, as follows. For the Examiner's convenience, all pending claims are reproduced below:

1. (Currently Amended) A tree-top mounting device, comprising:
 - an elongated housing;
 - an elongated support slidably received within said elongated housing, with said housing capable of housing substantially at least half of said elongated support;
 - a fitting head disposed at a distal end of said elongated support;
 - a fastener adapted to secure said elongated housing to a tree; and
 - a lock to secure said sliding support in said elongated housing at a desired position.
2. (Previously Cancelled)
3. (Original) A device according to claim 1, wherein said fitting head includes a bayonet coupling for attachment to an ornament.
4. (Original) A device according to claim 1, wherein said fitting head comprises a disc and a cylindrical connector, with said disc and said cylindrical connector adaptable to receive an ornament.

5. (Previously Amended) A device according to claim 1, wherein said fastener includes a hook and loop fastener secured to said elongated housing.

6. (Currently Amended) A tree-top mounting device, comprising:

a mount including an elongated housing and a sliding rod slidable within said elongated housing, said sliding rod having a distal end adapted to receive an ornament and said elongated housing capable of housing substantially ~~housing~~ at least half of said sliding rod;

a fastener adapted to attach said elongated housing to a tree; and
a locking mechanism for locking said sliding rod in said elongated housing.

7. (Original) A tree-top mount device according to claim 6, further comprising a fitting head disposed at the distal end of said sliding rod.

8. (Previously Cancelled)

9. (Previously Amended) A tree-top mounting device comprising:
telescoping means comprising an elongated first member slidably received in an elongated second member, with said second member capable of housing substantially at least half of said first member;
means for connecting said first member to an object; and
means for locking said first member and said second member together.

10. (Original) A mounting device according to claim 9, wherein said means for connecting is a bayonet coupling.

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11. (Previously Cancelled)

12. (Original) A mounting device according to claim 9, further comprising means for fastening said second member to a tree.
